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In re the Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 15, line 18, after "of the", delete "end".

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. The specification is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Consideration of the application in view of the above-mentioned amendment is respectfully requested.

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